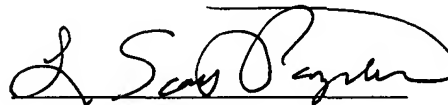


REMARKS

The present application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/793,335, filed 26 February 2001 (the Parent Application). This Preliminary Amendment changes the cross-reference section of the application to indicate this status. In correspondence to the nonelected claims of the Restriction/Election Requirement for the Parent Application mailed 7/23/02, claims 1-7 and 17-42 have been cancelled. Claims 43-52 have been added to define further inventive aspects of the present application. Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any outstanding matters concerning the present application.

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